mangroves at Kannur. Similarly, a sum of Rs.10.25/- lakh has been released and Rs.1.35/- lakh have been revalidated during current financial year to enable the Government of Kerala to complete the balance works of MAP of 2006-07 for conservation and management of mangroves at Vembanad.

New tiger reserve

1136. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has released any fund to the new tiger reserve for their development in the country;

(b) if so, the total amount released to each new tiger reserve projects during last four years;

(c) whether Satkosia Wildlife Sanctuary Tiger Reserve of Orissa has received any fund to develop the project according to other tiger reserve site; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, financial assistance is being provided to the eight new tiger reserves, approved in 2008, for tiger protection and management. Details of financial assistance provided to these reserves are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Financial assistance has not been provided to the Satkosia Tiger Reserve so far, under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, for want of the required Memorandum of Understanding from the State Government of Orissa.

Statement

Details of financial assistance given to New Tiger Reserves

Sl. No.	Name of new Tiger Reserve	State	Amount (Rs. In lakhs)
1	2	3	4
1.	Satkosia Tiger Reserve	Orissa	75.00
2.	Dandeli-Anshi Tiger Reserve	Kanataka	60.00
3.	Mudumalai Tiger Reserve	Tamil Nadu	60.00
4.	Anamalai-Parambikulam Tiger Reserve	Tamil Nadu-Kerala	80.00
5.	Kaziranga Tiger Reserve	Assam	150.00

1	2	3	4
6.	Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve	Chhattisgarh	20.00
7.	Sanjay Dubri Tiger Reserve	Madhya Pradesh	25.00
8.	Achanakmar Tiger Reserve	Chhattisgarh	50.00
	TOTAL:		520.00

Elephants of India

†1137. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 100 elephants from India have crossed the border and entered into Bangladesh;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has insisted on their recall or else they would be killed; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No such incident has been reported by any of the bordering State Governments.

(c) Question does not arise.

Pollution in rivers

1138. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pollution has been increasing in various rivers including Brahmaputra through its tributaries like Bharaba river in Guwahati city;

(b) whether Government has taken any proper steps to stop pollution; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Government has taken steps for pollution abatement in the identified stretches of the major rivers. The rivers conservation efforts in this direction commenced with the launching of the Ganga Action Plan (GAP) phase-I in the year 1985. GAP Phase-I was extended to GAP phase-II in various stages during 1993-96 to cover various tributaries of the river Ganga. GAP phase-II was merged in late 1996 with the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) which presently covers identified polluted stretches of 35 rivers and 164 towns spread over 20 States. The Pollution abatement works undertaken in these towns

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.